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July 26, 1998

Dear Harold,

Will the scavengers never quit exploiting the Plaza??

The item to the left is a Xerox copy of a Dealey handout (probably all year long). At approximately 12:30p.m. on November 22 last, the pictured limo, with passengers, bolted through the Plaza immediately AFTER a simulated epileptic attack. It was all in bad taste, but, that does not prevent anyone from trying to make a buck!!!

Regarding offering my wife's services without her knowledge: she has ^{ben} seriously considering for it is a subject she likes. She feels she cannot take on another obligation (read: responsibility) and she would be obligated!! She feels she has too much on her plate at this time. Sorry and I do appreciate your help in getting me off the hook!!! Your TALE of inviting people home without your wife's knowledge reminds me of my dad bringing home fellow packinghouse cronies to "sample" mom's new cider and wine!! I was too young to remember but I was told that mom discouraged the freeloaders by implying that she did the diapers and underclothes in the same crocks in which she did the brew!!! Maybe My wife will reconsider somewhere along the line!!!!

I ~~probably~~ won't make it to the Haller 1998 Conference since it has not been a simple ABC step to contact the principals. The conclave honchos have not made themselves apparent and I do not want to make a concerted effort to locate them. I have enough to do with my annual trek coming up and my little Mexican friend imploring me to come to her first communion in San Antonio with no known date yet. Also I am being pressured here for meetings on the JFK events as we were doing before my '97 trek!!!

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In fact, one old lady is convinced LHO was "pre-patsied" and evidence was weighed not for truth and justice but as a "fill-in-the-blanks" nailing of the alleged assassin!! Also, that he was the only one who seemed to be telling the truth throughout his interrogations!!!

The attached article copies are no news to you. Posner's King book is being offered at a discount and where does anyone come off calling him a "myth killer?????" Maybe a moth?? Before Ray died, the Discovery Channel had a King program on and the defenders of the official view were Posner and Blakey!! Tampa has it wrong, Ray did not get buried with answers.... only questions. The Bissell article mentions again the Corona program. He seems to have been quite a guy, only misdirected somewhere along the line as to loyalties!!!

I've never been so far behind in my personal work - I got many letters behind on my last trek. One I wanted to write badly was to chide Craig Zirbel for portraying LBJ so much differently than the LBJ tapes or Michael Beschloss' book, thereof!!! Then I must keep up my relationship with my little Mexican friend and I'm working on plans to obtain a carriage and several teams of horses ala Cinderella when I visit there on my next trek. With 19 close relatives in Minnesota, birthdays, etc. keep me busy. There are three birthdays in August: my nephew's 45th the same day as your anniversary!! My little grandniece (one of them) is also in August. She always writes to me so I do not forget!!!

I am so pleased that I was able to meet personally with Mary before all her problems!! There's much I cannot write because I have no faith (read: don't trust) the mails. There was no ASK conference in '95 and no one had stepped in like Lancer to fill the gap. So Mary arranged to meet with me and was going to hold a miniconference at the Melrose Hotel with about 10 or 12 people. I remember two: David Lifton and Adele Edison. With me and Mary and probably Robert Chapman and Gary Shaw and a few more of her local favorites and one soon has the 10 or 12!!! Buck's condition at the time got the conference called off and when I got to the Melrose a message from Mary was waiting. She knew the train was on time and she would pick me up for a one-on-one meeting. We spent over 4 hours at Eduardo's Taste of Europe (now gone). We topped the evening with Grand Maniers and the bill came to \$87!!! Mary knew the management so had my payment countermanded. When we left it had rained and left a mirror glare on the streets, reflecting all the car and night lights. Mary was taking me back to the Melrose when she ran up on and straddled the street divider. I quick ran into an all-night store and had them call a wrecker. I knew it would go better with the police if some of the work was already done. Sure enough,

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a cop showed and he recalled the wrecker. Once the car was free, a lady cop drove it to Mary's and she rode in the backseat of the male's patrol car. She became good friends of the cop; he even retrieved from her car an Eduardo's steak doggie-bag and a small crate of sample jellies I had brought her from Florida. No tickets or anything. I tried all week to contact Mary and on my last day in Dallas a male voice said she was hurting and someone had taken her to the hospital. To this day, she swears the episode had nothing to do with her problems, it was old injuries, but, had nothing to do with it. It did not make me feel better even though Mary never drove again and gave her car to her daughter!!!

Mary heard me out and did not approve or disapprove. She did, however, encourage me to keep turning over similar stones. After, she did contact her sources trying to jog out some data for me!!!! Basically, what I told her is that I cannot, will not and do not believe there was any bullet magic that day. The usual laws of physics were in effect during those few seconds in the Plaza. As always. The implications are obvious. My first impression on hearing the "news" was comparing it to a speeding train rushing toward a washed out bridge with the warners deciding to do nothing and maybe even abetting the wreck!!! I also thought at the time that someone or a group could not accept JFK's reelection, mandate and promotion of policies and programs.

When Humes told of burning his original notes, I took that literally, that he burned his first notes - the front-end of the autopsy, like innings one and two - not the whole game. What happened then at that time that was so serious?? We have our old standbys, Sibert and O'Neill, to fill us in. They reported that the body was removed from the casket and "a missile rolled out." Admiral Osborne reported he handled it. All this was rescinded in subsequent testimony. However, later in the night, Humes was informed of the Parkland bullet!! Whoops; he had two slugs and only one bullet hole!! No wonder he took the data home to mull it over. Since both missile and bullet could be plants, which to cover up???? The first one had received no publicity even though S and O' had given a receipt and the principals were under threat of court-martial (as an ex-serviceman, I know that is a serious threat). Humes' reason for the existence of each slug remained valid since the Parkland stretcher was thought then to be JFK's (the slug had worked out during external cardiac massage).

With a fire already puffing in the fireplace, it was easy for Humes to destroy the original, frontend notes. Afterall, he could not have raw notes saying one thing and the final, typed report saying something else!! He replaced the early notes with the innocuous material that the motorcade was travelling through downtown Dallas at approximately 20 mph when shots rang out and JFK slumped to the floor. Hardly a prosecutor's blow-by-blow account of the early going of an autopsy!!! At his home, Humes was in a CYA situation (his and others) and the court-martial was his cover. After 1:00 p.m. once the President was pronounced dead, Humes was

notified that he would handle the autopsy. During that time he, too, must have been informed that he should emphasize evidence that showed shots came from behind and above and to deemphasize anything that implied frontal shots. The pressure must have been enormous and the Bethesda "missile" vs. the Parkland "bullet" would have been an easy decision under the circumstances.

Mary saw my objective in answering my grandnephew's query, 'Why doesn't someone write a JFK book kids can understand?' And she readily saw the reasons for my BRIDGE OF SAN LUIS REY approach. There is much we discussed that I frowned on putting in the mail.

I wrote you that I made up a special award for Mary after Lancer gave her an annual. I said annual or decade is not enough and I made up a Century Award for her. I called it the Merry Ferret award since Webster's 20th Century Dictionary in defining the verb, ferret, states, "to investigate thoroughly as to ferret out the conspirators." What a great definition of Mary Ferret!!!! I am currently working on her second century award since I wrote her that she will be the only person to win it two centuries in a row and two milenia in a row!!!! It is all but done and she deserves it!!!

The other day I took down from the shelves of my meager library your WWI, WWII and PM for some reference work and pretty soon was rereading them from cover to cover. They are great works!! You wrote that the reader might become angry with the way some of the material was handled. I don't get angry anymore; I get remorseful. Remorseful that the nation and world ^{was} cheated out of experiencing the youngest ex-president ever. And intelligent, too. At any college or university anywhere, his appearance would have been a blowout!!! We would have seen a worldwide encroachment of old-fashioned, founding father democracy based on logic and common sense and not literal trans-lation!! There would have been less spitting and walking on the American flag and few ^{sewn} on the seat of britches!!!

What continues to rattle around in my subconscious is the idea that the Dealy caper was pulled off by someone or a group that wanted to prove that it could be done ala a fraternity prank or university technological institute stunt and the second crime of coverup (whitewash) kicked in by those who were pleased with the results!

We can only keep reading and researching and probing and pushing. There is no other way!!

Best regards and all

Paul H.